

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: **Art Unit:** **Docket No.: 3577**

In RE: **Application of G. SCHANZ, et al**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

and Trademarks,

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of examination on the merits, please make the following changes and consider the following REMARKS: